Scribe Sheet

Date: 3/3/08 Meeting called to order at (time): 6:03

Scribe: Lori Bussiere Meeting Adjourned at (time): 8:35

Present: Frank Linda Lisa Lori Richard Sally

Next Meeting Date: 3/17/08 6:00 @ Chouinards

Adam Melissa Roger

Topic Discussed	Summary of Topic Discussed	Decision/Action to be taken	Deadline/Person Responsible	Action Item Completed
2/4/08 Minutes	- No revisions	Motion to approve the minutes as submitted made by Linda and 2 nd by Frank. Motion passed 7-0-0 (Lisa arrived a little late so didn't vote on this)		
Outstanding Action Items from 1/28/08	Board needs to look into developing some snow shoeing trails.	Come up with a plan	Sally to add to next agenda.	
Ice Rink Concern	Need to post general safety rules	Frank to talk to Paul Clayton about posting rules	Frank	
Outstanding Action Items from 2/4/08 meeting	Melissa Smith & Adam Van Vaught's names to be submitted to Select Board for appointment as members at large	Melissa & Adam appointed by Select Board as members at large		Done
	Dynamos Soccer Club application	Sally to e-mail Mike Hourigan and CC to Frank Pecora with regard to reserving fields during the school year		Done
	Who is responsible for chalking the field during Babe Ruth	Clarification needed from Frank Pecora	Sally	
	Task List for Skating Party/Bon Fire had a few minor changes	Updates to be made	Sally	
	Pool	Lisa to talk to Shannon about our assisting in getting the word out about the life guard training	Lisa	
		Nancy to be contacted about when will advertising begin for a Pool Director	Linda	

	Community Calendar names	List needs to be updated	Sally
	Lightening Meter	Frank will contact Arnie McMullen from Montpelier Rec. Board to see if/what they use for a meter	Frank
	Swing Set in Falls	Moving the swing set and removing the tire climbing wall during one of the spruce up days will be added to the "spruce up the park" list	Sally
	Sit down with Dynamos and Baseball to talk about working together for benefit of the kids. Richard held meeting with Joe Hatch and Frank Pecora. Dave Whaley was out of town. Both parties present agreed to work together so if kids want to play both sports, the coaches would work together to allow it. Dynamos have posted something on their website informing parents of their commitment.	Meeting held – Follow up item- Would like the school baseball schedule	Richard
Skate Board Park Outstanding Item	Skate Board Park registration sticker contest at the school. Sally had asked the Superintendant if there was a way it could be done as part of an art class. Superintendant was going to look into it.	Need to check in with the Superintendant on this.	Sally
Public Participation	a) Vanessa Khouri Smith – Looking to fill the empty spot we currently have on the Rec. Board. She observed the meeting and indicates she does have the time to give to us.	Motion to recommend Vanessa's appointment to the Rec. Board made by Linda and 2 nd by Frank. Motion passed 8-0-0. Vanessa's application to be passed to the Select Board with our recommendation	Sally
	b) Angela Marble – Boys and Girls Summer Camp application. Also present were Tony Moulton Director of the Boys & Girls Club and Doug & Gail Lawson advocates for the Boys & Girls Club. Camp is requesting 6/23 – 8/22. Camp is looking for use of entire park but is aware they will not be using it exclusively. Looking for storage in the dugout closet. They are hoping to keep fee for usage the same as last year. They expect 25 – 50 youths at the camp. They	Frank recommended the Rec. Board purchase the lock/keys for the dug out closet. We will review last years contact	Frank Sally to add to next

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	have requested their tent be set up behind the dugouts. They plan on having drying racks in the tent to hang wet towels on. This will address the issue we had last year of camp laundry being left on the fences. Tony offered that Angela's and Tony's phone numbers will be provided so if there is an issue with trash or other things being left behind after the camp is done for the day, we can contact them directly so they can address it with their staff.	and get back to Angela.	agenda.
	c) Dave Whaley – Little League application for use of fields $4/15 - 6/20$ for $75 - 90$ kids from $5:30 - 9:00$ pm on weekdays	Since this is during the school year, field co-ordination needs to go through the school. Dave will be instructed to contact the school	Sally
	d) Shannon Palone has asked if the Rec. Board would be interested in providing a scholarship to sponsor somebody to take the Red Cross Safety Course she teaches. General concensous is yes, but more discussion to be had on how best to do this. The board wants to make sure we are sponsoring somebody that will in turn work at the Northfield Pool. Course costs \$275 per person.	Motion made by Linda and 2 nd by Frank to give a scholarship for this training with stipulations. Needs to be added to the next meeting agenda. Motion passed 8-0-0	Sally
Community Easter Egg Hunt	Lori reported everything is ready to go as far as materials, candy and the Easter Bunny suit. Posters are up, CSO is passing them out at the elementary school, Roxbury school has been supplied with some also. Bill submitted for \$416.70 for Easter Bunny costume rental as well as materials for egg hunt. Materials to be dropped off to the Boys & Girls club so they can stuff the eggs with candy.	Motion made by Linda and 2 nd by Richard to approve the \$416.70 bill for egg hunt expenses from the donation account. Motion passed 7-0-1	
Ice Rink	Sally received a call from a community member suggesting it would be nice if the skating rinks were up and running for school vacation. He reported he offered to help but was unable to get assistance from the skating committee. Bill Bussiere went down to try to snow blow but the snow was too deep and had been sitting too long so now it was very hard. Way down under the snow there was also a lot of water. So after about an hour of trying to snow blow, there was very little progress made. Sally talked to Roger who talked to Bill Lyons about possibly getting the sidewalk plow/ snow thrower to help us out. At the time only the plow portion of the sidewalk plow works, the snow thrower portion doesn't. Lisa reported that if the Town doesn't plow the area out to the entrance of the skating rinks, then the skating committee can't get in	Lisa reported the skating committee plans to hold a public meeting with regard to volunteers to determine the future of the committee.	

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	there to work on the rinks. Lisa also indicated that she		
	and Paul would be paying the water bill out of their		
	own pockets as the skating committee has no money.		
	It is understood by the Rec. Board that there was a lot		
	of snow this year which has caused problems.		
	Discussion was had on increasing the skating		
	committee size and Sally made a suggestion that		
	perhaps setting up one or two week work schedules		
	might help to get some volunteers. Lori mentioned		
	that maybe 2 rinks it too much to maintain by		
	volunteers and maybe next year we will only be able to		
	have one. Frank suggested a media blitz next winter		
	to get the community involved.		
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Round Table Discussion	a) Roxbury Town Meeting – Melissa shared that	Add "auhmit a rassast to the	Coller
	the Roxbury Town Clerk let her know that we	Add "submit a request to the	Sally
	can submit a request to have funds donated to	Town of Roxbury for a recreation	
	the Recreation fund. Rather than try to	donation to a task list for budget.	
	squeeze it in this year, we will plan to do this		
	next year. This will allow the Roxbury		
	community some time to be made aware of		
	the addition of the Roxbury members at large		
	to the Northfield Rec. Board.		
	b) Northfield Town Meeting – Linda will attend		
	on behalf of the board and Sally will also try		
	to be there.		
	c) Northfield New Article – Sally mentioned to		
	the Northfield New that the article about		
	sounded like we denied the application for		
	Dynamos soccer's request for field use. We		
	did not deny them. They were asking for		
	field use during the school year so we		
	deferred them to speak to the school Athletic		
	Director as the school has control over the		
	fields during the school year.		
	d) Member at Large Policy review – There were	Changes will be made to policy	Sally
	a couple of places where the Select Board		
	made suggestions for word changes		
	e) Discussion had on e-mail Linda had received	Meeting to be held with Nancy	Linda & Roger
	from Nancy with regard to \$24.00 in postage.		
	As well as the memo left on the table for us		
	indicating there is a spending freeze on		
	unnecessary expenses. Nancy's e-mail		
	indicated a \$24.00 postage bill would be		
	coming out of the Recreation Donation		
	account as the Rec. Board is over budget.		
	This was not received well by the Board as it		
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	is our understanding that the Donation account holds donations from the community to be used on recreational activities, not for daily expenses. It is felt that it is inappropriate that this bill be paid from the donation account. Nancy's e-mail also indicated the Rec. Board is over budget \$810.24 and went on to lecture the Rec. Board on the impact of overspending. Much discussion was had on not understanding why we are getting lectured on over spending when we don't set most of the budget, nor do we know or approve what is being spent (pool expenses, salaries, diving boards etc.) We tried to keep salary costs down last year by reporting to the Pool Director and Nancy that guards were not being sent home on rainy or slow days, this behavior didn't appear to change over the course of the summer but pool staffing is not our charge so there was nothing else we could do except report what was happening. At this point, the Board needs direction on how to proceed with expenses.		
Adjournment	Motion made by Lisa and 2 nd by Melissa	Motion passed 8-0-0	